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From the Director

The Division Briefings for Program Formulation were completed last Friday and the decision discussions will start this coming Monday. This will be a challenging year with the new budgeting process and overhead collection system. Some of the new systems continue to be under review and refinement by the ERDC leadership and major customer impact is also continuing to be reviewed by ERDC Headquarters.

At the Lab of the Year Award Meeting October 22, 1999 there was interest expressed by both Mr. Hoeper (ASARDA) and Dr. Andrews, Director SALT in the fluorescence work TEC is doing for mine detection. Follow up briefings are scheduled this week with Dr. Andrews on Thursday and Mr. Hoeper on Friday.

I have been attending the International Symposium on Spectral Sensing Research (ISSSR) meeting this week as the General Chairman. With the help of Connie Gray (TEC), Program Committee Chair, Andrew Brusewicz (CRREL), Technical Committee Chair, and Timothy Evans (TEC) Organizing Committee Chair, the meeting has set a new standard for ISSSR. There has been a significant broadening of interest both in participants and papers as well as an increase in attendance (up 50% as of second day). This was the first joint meeting with International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) which was another plus and it was the first time exhibits were part of the Symposium (see below the ERDC/TEC exhibit). Overall ISSSR has achieved name recognition as the conference of choice in the area spectral sensing research. Also of importance the ISSSR Steering Committee has accepted the concept of a rotating organizational chair for ISSSR and the US Army Soldier, Biological & Chemical Command (SBCCOM) has taken on that responsibility for the next ISSSR Symposium. The next ISSSR is being planned for August 2001 with a theme focused on the new hyper-spectral satellite systems that will be flying by that time.

CEERD Director's Staff Locates Temporarily at TEC

While awaiting renovation of their new offices in the Kingman Building (expected in April 2000), a small contingent of the Office of the Director, ERDC, will reside at TEC. A complete listing of names, rooms, and phone numbers will be distributed as soon as it is finalized.

Travel Item of Interest

The responsible Travel Specialist signing travel orders in CEFMS 08-12 Nov 99 is Terri Norman. If it is necessary to contact Ms. Norman you may do so by calling, 217-373-6708 or e-mail, terri.norman@usace.army.mil.

Calendar of Events

9 Nov	SAEDA briefings (last names beginning A-L), 0900 & 1000 – Kingman Bldg
10 Nov	LTC Ives (TAC-D), NGIC visit to TEC. POC: Frank Capece.
16 Dec	TEC Holiday Party – Cruise on <i>Spirit of Washington</i>
17 Dec	Blood Drive, 0800-1400 – Casey Bldg, room 143

Arrivals/Departures/Vacancies

Arrivals:

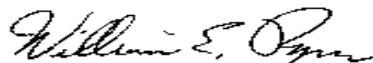
<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>
Caroline D'Aguiar (Intelligence Specialist)	FDD	11-19-99

Departures:

Dumproff, Carol	ITL	11-06-99, to LIWA - promotion
Collins, Gale	GID	11-20-99, to CAA - promotion

Open Announcements:

None



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Beautiful Life Christmas Wreaths & Garland

It's not too early to plan your Christmas decorations. Beautiful 26 inch fresh cut Balsam Wreath (\$18), 24 inch fresh cut Balsam Swag (\$12), 20 foot fresh cut Balsam Garland (\$25), 36" Mailbox Swag (\$18) and a Brass Wreath hanger (\$5) are available. See or call Dick Marth room 862/IC 2528 to place your order by COB 18 Nov 99. Payment is due on 18 Nov 99. Orders will be delivered to TEC during the week of 5 Dec 99. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 224.

Savings Bonds Online

The Internet is changing the way the federal government communicates with people just as it is changing our buying habits. One of the newest examples: Government employees buy a lot of federal savings bonds. The Bureau of Public Debt has unveiled a web site to make it easier to buy them or just to find out about savings bonds as an investment. Go to the Public Debt site at <http://www.savingsbonds.gov/> for the latest rates, buying bonds, or learning more about the savings bond program. For those who are interested, the site also provides information on other investments such as T-bills.